

# Admissions and Program Overview

**TEACHFORAMERICA**

Each year, Teach For America selects a corps of outstanding recent college graduates, graduate students, and professionals to teach for two years in low-income communities and go above and beyond traditional expectations to help students achieve at high levels.

## WHO WE LOOK FOR

Based on 20 years of data and research, we seek candidates for the corps who demonstrate the same characteristics that differentiate the most successful corps members, including:

- Demonstrated past leadership and achievement: achieving ambitious, measurable results in academic, professional, extracurricular, or volunteer settings
- Perseverance and sustained focus in the face of challenges
- Strong critical thinking skills: making accurate linkages between cause and effect and generating relevant solutions to problems
- Superior organizational ability: planning well, meeting deadlines, and working efficiently
- Respect for individuals' diverse experiences and ability to work effectively with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Superior interpersonal skills to motivate and lead others
- Thorough understanding of and desire to work relentlessly in pursuit of our vision

» Find out more about admissions criteria: [www.teachforamerica.org/admissions](http://www.teachforamerica.org/admissions)

## COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

As a corps member, you'll receive a competitive compensation package. Your benefits include:

- A full teacher's salary ranging from \$30,000 - \$51,500 a year
- Comprehensive health insurance and retirement benefits
- \$10,700 in AmeriCorps\* education awards for certification costs and paying back loans
- \$1,000 - \$6,000 in grants and no-interest loans for relocation

As an alumnus, you will be a candidate for up to \$50,000 in graduate school scholarships and application fee waivers.

» See the full list of benefits: [www.teachforamerica.com/compensation](http://www.teachforamerica.com/compensation)

## TEACHING LOCATIONS

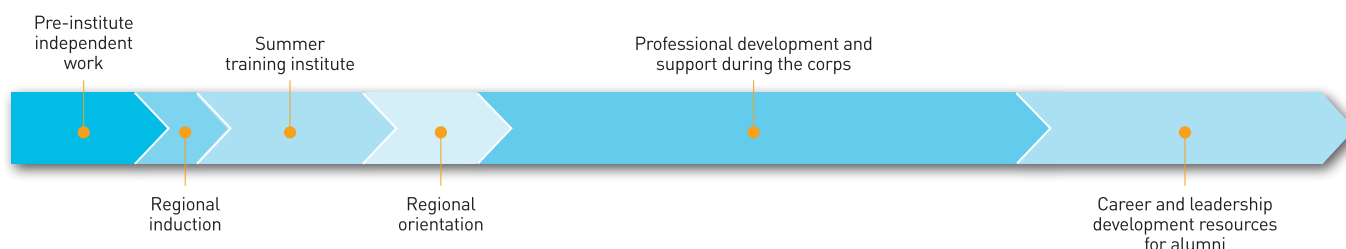
Teach For America plays a critical role in improving schools and communities in 39 urban and rural regions across the country. Our regional staff will help you build connections in your new community and give you the training and support you'll need to thrive as a corps member, and make a real impact on the lives of your students and the community.

» View all of our regions: [www.teachforamerica.org/placement](http://www.teachforamerica.org/placement)



## TRAINING AND ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Based on 20 years of experience preparing corps members to be successful teachers, Teach For America's training and development programs are designed to help you develop the knowledge, skills, and mindsets needed to lead your students to academic success.



» Read more about how we develop great teachers: [www.teachforamerica.org/training](http://www.teachforamerica.org/training)

## ONGOING ALUMNI SUPPORT

More than 20,000 alumni are part of a growing force of leaders who continue to work for educational excellence and equity from the fields of education, politics, law, business, and many others. Alumni stay connected through the Teach For America network, which offers benefits including:

- Career and Leadership Center
- Graduate school / Employer partnerships
- Leadership initiatives
- Regional alumni affairs teams

» See more details about resources for alumni: [www.teachforamerica.org/alumni](http://www.teachforamerica.org/alumni)

## 2011 CORPS APPLICATION TIMELINE

Below are some important dates and deadlines to consider as you apply to Teach For America. Please visit our website for comprehensive details about our application process. All incoming corps members will attend the summer training institute in summer 2011 and begin teaching in fall 2011, regardless of the deadline at which they apply.

Application prerequisites:

- Bachelor's degree by June 2011
- 2.50 minimum undergraduate GPA<sup>1</sup>
- U.S. citizenship or national/permanent resident status<sup>2</sup>

» View the complete admissions timeline: [www.teachforamerica.org/admissions](http://www.teachforamerica.org/admissions)

Steps			
Apply online by	Oct. 27, 2010	Dec. 17, 2010	Feb. 4, 2011
If invited, complete phone interview and online written activity	Nov. 6 - 9	Jan. 20 - 24	Feb. 17 - 22
Submit regional and subject/grade-level preferences and transcript information online	Nov. 29	March 14	March 14
If invited, complete final interview	Nov. 30 - Dec. 3	March 9 - 18	March 9 - 18
Learn about your assignment and make a decision	Jan. 18 - 28	April 4 - 15	April 4 - 15
Accept or decline our offer	Jan. 28	April 15	April 15

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Full salary and health insurance. Federal student loans deferred.\*\* All majors and professional experiences.  
**Apply now: [www.teachforamerica.org](http://www.teachforamerica.org)**

\*Teach For America is currently a member of AmeriCorps. Given the nature of the AmeriCorps competitive grant process and the dependence on Congressional funding cycles, we cannot guarantee these benefits for corps members serving during the 2011-2012 school year until receiving final confirmation in June 2011. Recent changes in national service laws may result in an increase to the education award for the 2011-2012 year.

\*\* Learn more: [www.teachforamerica.org/compensation](http://www.teachforamerica.org/compensation)

<sup>1</sup> The GPA requirement is mandated by the school districts and credentialing programs with which we work.

<sup>2</sup> If you are an international student with a background in math or science, you may be eligible to join the Teach For America International Students Pilot Program. Learn more [www.teachforamerica.org/international\\_students](http://www.teachforamerica.org/international_students)